(b) and (c) A system for the mandatory and time bound scrutiny of all major procurement cases is in place in the Ministry. All cases above Rs. 75 crores are sent to Comptroller & Auditor General (C&AG), whose reports are further studied by the Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of the Ministry from the vigilance angle and recommend to the Government where further enquiries are necessary. In cases where the C&AG recommends further scrutiny from the vigilance/legal angle or the Ministry considers it necessary to do so, the CVO will make a formal reference to CVC, CBI or other agencies as deemed appropriate. This would enhance the level of transparency in the procurement process.

Publication of seniority lists in AFHQ

1481. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the seniority lists of various grades in the AFHQ Civil Service and the AFHQ Clerical Service has not been published for the last five years or more;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken/proposed to be taken for ensuring their publication within a fixed time-limit; and

(d) by when Government propose to complete the task of publication of annual seniority lists of above services?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Seniority lists in all the grades in AFHQ Civil & Clerical Services are being regularly issued except in the grades of Assistant, Section Officer and Deputy Director. The seniority list in these grades could not be published due to ongoing litigations on the issue of seniority.

(c) and (d) The Department is in the process of completing the implementation of various Court judgements in an expeditious manner. However, no time frame for publication of seniority lists can be given as the process involves implementation of many Court orders.